(i) Licensing of all residential institutions and setting up of Advisory Committees.

(ii) Keeping a strict vigil on Nursing Homes to stop illegal adoptions.

(iii) Enforcement of Orphanages and other Charitable Homes Act, 1960 and any other relevant Act in the concerned State.

(iv) Regular monitoring of adoption agencies.

In addition, a number of Training and Awareness Programmes are being regularly held under the National Initiative on Adoption which commenced in the year 2000-2001.

Grants for special school for visually handicapped in A.P.

596. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are running or providing Central grants for running special schools for the visually handicapped in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, school-wise/institution-wise;

(c) how many of these schools are exclusively for blind girls/women; and

(d) the details of facilities being given in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the scheme to Promote Voluntary Actions for Persons with Disabilities 7 non-governmental organizations are getting assistance for running schools for the visually handicapped.

(b) A Statement is annexed. *(See* below)

(c) All these schools are co-educational institutions.

(d) In these schools facilities of education, vocational training and mobility orientation are provided with or without residential facilities.

Statement

Details of Grants for special school for visually handicapped in A.P.

S.No.	Name of the organization	District	Project
1.	Navjeevan Blind Relief Centre	Chittoor	Residential School for the Blind
2.	Residential School for the Blind	Mahaboobnaga	-Do-
3.	Sneha Society for Rural	Nizamabad	School for Blind
4.	Mother Teresa School for the Blind	Prakasam	School for VH
5.	Devnar Foundation for the Blind	Secunderabad	School for the Blind
6.	ITRRODDD	Rangareddy	School for VH
7.	St. Francis Educational Society	Nellore	School for VH

Rehabilitation centre for disabled and handicapped persons in U.P.

597. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL .Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish any rehabilitation centre in the State of Uttar Pradesh for disabled and handicapped persons during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise/district-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) to (d) Rehabilitation services to the persons with disabilities in the State of Uttar Pradesh are already being provided through Composite Rehabilitation Centre at Lucknow, Regional Rehabilitation Training Centre at Lucknow, Regional Rehabilitation Centres for Spinal Injuries at Bareilly, District Rehabilitation Centres at Sitapur and Jagdishpur and District Disability Rehabilitation